

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 10th August 1965.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, Madras, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI S. CHELLAPANDIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Retrenchment of Textile Workers in Coimbatore

* 156 Q.—SRI V. SANKARAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether any memorandum has been received recently from the Textile Workers' Union in Coimbatore regarding retrenchment of workers consequent on the cancellation of one shift duty in the textile mills at Coimbatore, and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) Yes.

(b) The representation was examined by the Government in consultation with the Commissioner of Labour. It was reported that no large scale retrenchment has resulted. It is further reported that there are already resumptions of third shift in some mills. The situation is being watched.

மதுரை ஹார்வி மில்லில் வேலை நிறுத்தம்

* 157 கேள்வி.—திரு கரு. சீமைச்சாமி: கனம் முதல் அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) மதுரை ஹார்வி மில்லில் வேலை செய்யும் தொழிலாளர்கள் 4-ந் தேதி ஜூன் மாதம் 1965-ம் வருடம் அன்று வேலை நிறுத்தம் செய்தது உண்மையா?

(இ) ஆம் எனில், அதற்கான காரணம் என்ன?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) & (b) Yes. There was a stay-in-strike by 88 workers belonging to the Industrial Product Mill Department of Madura Mills Company, Limited, Madurai. Subsequently, workers in the other shifts also struck work. The stay-in-strike was staged as a protest against the action of the management in introducing running shifts during Sundays and in compulsorily sending out 4 workers on 4th June 1965 (substituted holiday) to enable them to work on Sunday 6th June 1965. The workers refused to go on leave and attempted to attend duty in spite of the management's order. This resulted in the sudden stay-in-strike.